Collection from employees provident fund

2266. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the collection regionwise from employees provident fund during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of defaulters from whom the collection is outstanding during the last three financial years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, regionwise; and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far and propose to take to recover these outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The details of provident fund cintributions collected region-wise from the exempted and un-exempted establishments during the last three years are not readily available. However, the total collction of contributione from exempted as well as unexempted establishments during the last three years are as given bellow:—

Year	Amount of contributions collected Rs. in crores)
1986-87 . . .	1794.51
1987-88 . . .	2001.95
1988-89 . . .	2424.61

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement showing the regionwise details of arrears against the exempted and unexempted establishments is attached. (*See Appendix* CL III, Annexure No. 95).

(d) The E.P.F. authorities have been taking the following actions against the defaulters for realisation of the outstanding dues:—

(i) Issue of revenue recovery certificates under section 8 of the E.P.F. Act;

(ii) Filing of prosecution cases under section 14 of the E.P.F. Act.

(iii) Filling of complaints under section 406|409 IPC in cases of non-paymen of contribution deducted from the wages of the employees;

(iv) Levying damages under section 14B of the E.P.F. Act.

Compensation to victims of trains accidents

2267. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rules exist for payment of compensation to victims of train accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether payment of such compensation are given to those ticket holders who hold tickets with reservation;

(d) whether such payment is also made to those who hold general railway tickets;

(e) whether such payment is also made to the victims of stempede holding platform tickets; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Railway is liable to pay compensation to the injured passengers and dependants of the deceased travelling in a passenger carrying train involved in an accident, under the provisions of Section 82 A of the Indian Railways Act, 1890. Claimants can prefer an application for compensation before the Railway Claims Tribunal under the provisions of the Railway Accidents (Compensation) Rules, 1989. An amount of Rs. 1 lakh in case of death and varying from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 1 lakh in case of injuries can be awarded as compensation.